

MINUTES

HEATING, PIPING, COOLING AND SHEET METAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

JUNE 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Robert Barrieau, Acting Chairperson, at 10:24 a.m. on June 18, 2015 in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

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| Robert H. Barrieau, Acting Chairperson | Unlimited Contractor |
| Thomas F. Casey, Jr. | Unlimited Contractor |
| John T. Higgins, Jr. | Unlimited Journeyperson |
| Philip H. Benoit | Sheet Metal Journeyperson |

Members Absent:

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| David G. Foster | Unlimited/General Contractor |
| Cameron G. Champlin, Jr. | Unlimited Journeyperson |
| Michael Rosario | Unlimited Journeyperson |

Board Vacancies:

Four Public Members, Sheet Metal Contractor

DCP Board Staff Present:

Robert Kuzmich

Others present:

Antonio Santoro, Staff Attorney
Paul Femia, Dept. of Labor
Michael Vater
Todd Casey
Tom Casey, Sr.
Scott Fahlbeck
Dennis Fonda
George Massey, Jr.
George Massey, Sr.
Ronald Rutkowski
Anthony Felicello

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed and approved the May 21, 2015 Heating, Piping, Cooling and Sheet Metal Work Examining Board meeting minutes as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING FOR GUIDANCE:

Ronald Rutkowski, Jr., Unionville, CT

Mr. Rutkowski holds a (P-1) Plumbing Unlimited Contractor license and appeared for guidance on requirements for the (S-8) Limited Journeyman license. The Board advised that Mr. Rutkowski contact Dept. of Labor representative Paul Femia, who was present at the meeting, for further instruction upon completion of the (S-8) apprenticeship program, in which he is currently enrolled.

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW:

Anthony Felicello, East Haven, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved

Anthony Felicello appeared before the Board on 3/19/15 and the Board voted to conditionally approve Mr. Felicello for the (S-10) Limited Journeyman examination, contingent upon submission of application acceptable to DCP standards. Upon receipt of the application by the Department, it was determined it was not complete due to the fact that the application did not include notarized statements from employers as to dates and duties of employment.

Mr. Felicello appeared today with notarized letters from employers for proof of the required on the job training, as requested. After review of these two documents, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Felicello for the (S-10) Limited Journeyman examination.

Robert Tremblay, Milford, CT – (S-10) Limited Journeyman – Approved

Mr. Tremblay appeared before the Board on 3/19/15 and the Board provided guidance regarding how to apply for the (S-10) Limited Journeyman license. At the 4/16/15 meeting, the Board reviewed Mr. Tremblay's application and related documentation and, after discussion, voted to conditionally approve Mr. Tremblay for the (S-10) application contingent upon the submission of application acceptable to DCP standards.

This application was reviewed at today's meeting. After review of the application and related documentation, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Tremblay for the (S-10) Limited Journeyman examination.

DISCUSSION ON PRE-APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS:

The Board briefly discussed this matter regarding pre-approvals by the Board without an application, incomplete application, or documents of education or experience discussed but not submitted to date, which is contrary to existing law. Chairperson Robert Barrieau stated that he had conducted the previous meeting, in which these applications were pre-approved, and apologized for this error. He also stated that, in the future, the Board cannot pre-approve incomplete applications; guidance only will be provided.

APPEARING FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATION:

George Massey, Stratford, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved with change in category to (S-10)

Mr. Massey appeared for review and discussion of his (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application and letter of hardship. The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Massey's (S-2) application. After further discussion, Mr. Massey changed the category of license sought from (S-2) to (S-10). The Board voted unanimously to approve the (S-10) Limited Journeyman application.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:

Jeremy Chrysler, Sr., Voorheesville, NY – (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman – Approved with change in category to (SM-2)

Mr. Chrysler, Sr.'s (SM-1) Limited Sheet Metal Contractor application was denied by the Board on 4/16/15 due to lack of (SM-2) Limited Sheet Metal Journeyman license for the required two-year period. Mr. Chrysler changed the category of license sought from (SM-1) to (SM-2) and resubmitted the application. After review and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Chrysler for the (SM-2) application.

Matthew Buckley, Newport, RI – (B-2) Limited Contractor – Denied

Mr. Buckley's (B-2) Limited Journeyman application was denied at the 4/16/15 meeting due to lack of proof of on the job training. Mr. Buckley resubmitted this (B-2) Limited Journeyman application with a notarized letter from his employer for reconsideration at today's meeting. After review and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny the application due to lack of proof of on the job training and, in addition, recommended that Mr. Buckley appear at the next meeting for clarification of work experience and scope of Rhode Island license.

David Gamble, Stafford Springs, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

Mr. Gamble's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application was denied at the 1/15/15 meeting due to lack of proof of on the job training. Mr. Gamble resubmitted his application with an employer letter for reconsideration at today's meeting. After review and discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny the application due to lack of proof of a hardship.

APPEARING FOR RECONSIDERATION:

Michael Vater, Torrington, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman- Approved with change in category to (D-2)

Mr. Vater's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application was denied by the Board on 5/21/15 due to lack of apprenticeship completion and related instruction. Mr. Vater appeared today for reconsideration of this application. The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Vater's (S-2) application. After further discussion, Mr. Vater changed the category of license sought from (S-2) to (D-2). The Board voted unanimously to approve the (D-2) Limited Journeyman application.

ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE – APPLICANT APPEARING FOR RECONSIDERATION

Scott Fahlbeck, Orange, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Fahlbeck's (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of equivalent experience and training. The Board informed Mr. Fahlbeck that he is qualified for the (D-1) Limited Contractor, as he has held the (D-2) Limited Journeyman license for over two years.

APPLICATIONS:

Maxwell Davis, Oakville, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Davis' (S-1) Unlimited Contractor application due to lack of proof of on the job training and school related instruction for the (S-1) license type, as required.

Kevin Ortega, Stamford, CT – (S-5) Limited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Ortega's (S-5) Limited Contractor application due to lack of the (S-6) Limited Journeyman license for the required two year period.

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO THE AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

James Bridgewater, Unionville, CT – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Bridgewater's (S-1) Unlimited Contractor application due to lack of the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for the required two year period.

Frank Bacchetta, Iselin, NJ – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Bacchetta's (S-1) Unlimited Contractor application due to lack of the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for the required two year period.

Anthony DiGuglielmo, Mt. Kisco, NY – (S-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. DiGuglielmo’s (S-1) Unlimited Contractor application due to lack of the (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for the required two year period.

Timothy Gray, Canterbury, CT – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Gray’s (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of on the job training and school related instruction, as required.

Alexander Meade, Halifax, MA – (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Meade’s (S-2) Unlimited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of on the job training and school related instruction, as required.

Mark Oropallo, Broadalbin, NY – (SM-2) Limited Journeyman – Referred

The Board reviewed Mr. Oropallo’s application and related documentation and requested that this application be referred to the DCP so that the Department can conduct research to determine if the apprenticeship completion certificates submitted with this application are equivalent from the State of New York and be allowed to sit for the Connecticut Limited Journeyman (SM-2) license.

Nicholas Razzaia, Seymour, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Razzaia’s (D-2) Limited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of apprenticeship, on the job training, and school related instruction, as required.

Henry Wasik, Berlin, CT – (D-2) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Wasik’s (D-2) Limited Journeyman application due to lack of proof of apprenticeship, on the job training, and school related instruction, as required.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board reviewed the current complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division dated 6/4/15 consisting of closed cases only, contrary to the Board's request of open, closed, and dismissed cases.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Board Member Tom Casey reported that he and Chairperson Robert Barrieau will not be in attendance at the July 16, 2015 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01.

Respectfully submitted, as recorded by Robert Kuzmich and written by Karen Layman,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10:30 A.M.

- July 16, 2015
- August 20, 2015
- September 17, 2015
- October 15, 2015
- November 19, 2015
- December 17, 2015